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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Scott Borland

Application No.: 09/822,573

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: APERTURE PLATE AND
METHODS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION
AND USE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7223

Examiner: Christopher S. Kim

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3752

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.